All Rome Joins To Pay Marconi Final Tribute

Vast Procession Follows His Body Through Ancient Avenues.

By the Associated Press.

Rome, July 21.—Guglielmo Marconi lay in state tonight in the ancient Church of St. Mary of the Angels after an impressive funeral procession through the streets of Rome.

Premier Mussolini, uniformed as a corporal of the Fascist Militia, joined the procession as it neared the end of the solemn journey from the Royal Academy.

Fascists paid their traditional farewell to a dead comrade before the carved oaken casket was borne into the church for the funeral service.

Throng Shouts in Salute.

As the procession halted in the beautiful Piazza Esedra, Achille Starace, secretary of the Fascist Party, stepped forward and cried:

"Guglielmo Marconi."

"Presente!" came the answering shout from thousands massed before the church.

This was the Fascist form for saying that while Marconi was dead he still was with them.

Mgr. Giuseppe Giovanelli, white-haired pastor of the church, conducted the service which was attended by the late inventor's family diplomatic representatives, the Roman aristocracy, leaders of the nation and representatives of the Pope.

Tonight, as scores of thousands gathered in the Piazza Esedra for a glimpse of the bier, picked Fascist officers mounted guard in the church which Michael Angelo converted from the ruins of the baths of the Roman Emperor Diocletian.

Will Rest in Bologna.

Tomorrow night the body of the inventive genius will be taken to his native Bologna for burial Friday.

The nation's leaders marched beside humble peasants and workers in the 2-mile procession from the academy to the church, passing down rows of black draperies and flags at half staff. Mourners estimated at several hundred thousand looked on.

The body was carried from the academy, where it had lain in state since shortly after the inventor's death yesterday, at 6:05 p. m. and ten minutes later the procession moved on its way.

Ahead of the casket, which was drawn in a richly carved hearse by six black horses, was a group of mounted police, followed by Father Paolo Rappl, the parish priest who administered the last sacrament to Marconi yesterday.

Then came 14 monks bearing candles and chanting a litany.

The hearse was flanked by 36 attendants from the academy, the old Roman capitol and the Senate, dressed in ancient costumes of many colors.

Behind them was an attendant bearing on a pillow Marconi's three-cornered hat of the academy. He was followed by Marconi's relatives and Italian leaders.

Bells of many churches tolled while a muted military band played the funeral march.

Representatives of the United States Embassy who attended the service in the church were Alexander C. Kirk, charge d'affaires; Samuel Reber, secretary, and Capt. Thaddeus Thompson, jr., naval attache.

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The House adopted a resolution yesterday expressing regret of the death of Guglielmo Marconi, the enventor of wireless telegraphy.